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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 20, 2005, said period of response being extended from September 20, 2005 to November 21, 2005 because November 20, 2005 fails on a Sunday.

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